



← New Gateway Community College & Long Wharf Theatre

The state has approved more than \$20 million in funding for moving both Gateway Community College and Long Wharf Theatre to new downtown locations. The funds will pay for the design of the new community college and for infrastructure and parking improvements as well as for a new park to be located near the college. This initiative is crucial to the ongoing revitalization of downtown and to the promising future of Gateway Community College.

Constructing a Hamden Band Shell

The purchase and installation of a new band shell in Hamden's new Town Center Park will be supported in part by a \$50,000 grant from the state. As the centerpiece of Town Center Park, this band shell will provide a place for entertainment for years to come. It will also make Hamden an even more family friendly place.

← Support for Children's Center of Hamden

The Children's Center of Hamden will receive \$23,700 in funding for the replacement of the boiler and related asbestos abatement. Approximately 200 children and families receive services through at least one of the programs offered at the center. While most are from Greater New Haven, children from at least 30 Connecticut towns and cities participate in residential or day programs in a typical year.

Enhancing New Haven's Farnam Neighborhood House

The state has provided funding for the development of additional parking adjacent to the Farnam Neighborhood House on Fillmore Street in New Haven. Farnam is one of the busiest neighborhood centers in the region with programs and activities for children and teens, and the funding will assist in providing badly needed parking.

Cleaning up Newhall Street Neighborhood

Help is on the way to resolve a hazardous waste problem in Hamden. The State Bond Commission has approved \$1 million to continue the remedial investigation and study of properties in the Newhall Street neighborhood. The area is next to the Hamden Middle School, which was built on top of a landfill that had been used for domestic and industrial waste. This funding will be used to hire specialists to clean up the pollution, and to evaluate structural damage to the nearly 150 homes located on the landfill.

← Addition to Fair Haven Community Health Center

The state gave final approval to \$50,000 in support for the construction of additional treatment and staff space at the Fair Haven Community Health Center on Grand Avenue in New Haven. Over the years, the Fair Haven Community Health Center has proven to be an extraordinarily valuable asset for the people of the community. This funding will go toward providing much needed space to provide essential services.



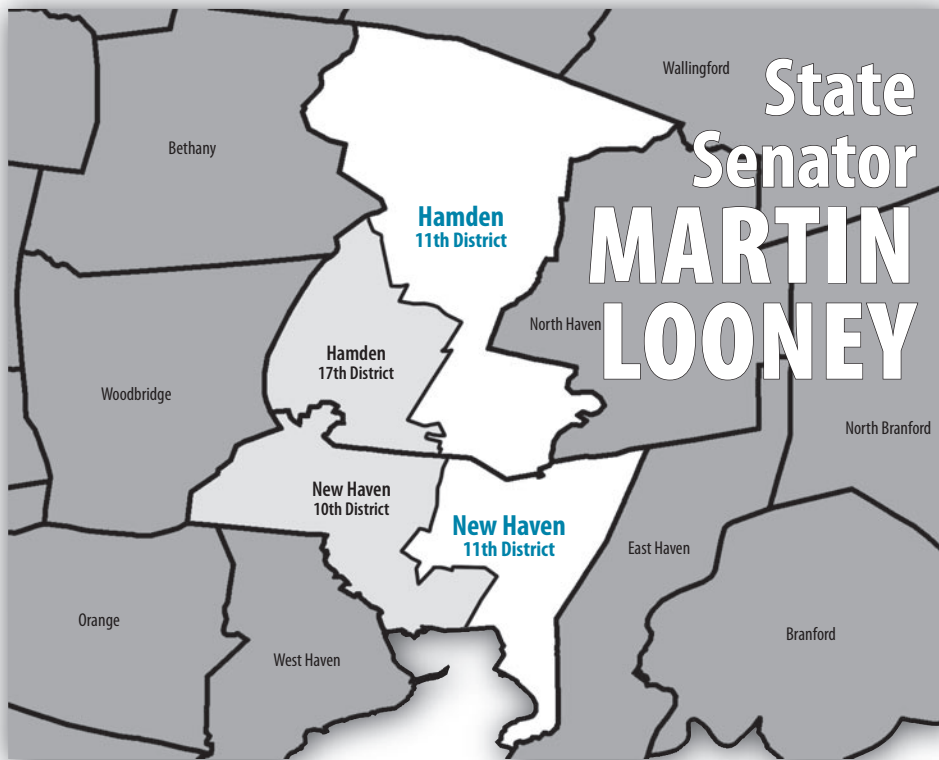
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Dear Friend,

As the year comes to an end and the holidays approach, I am busy at the State Capitol preparing for the next legislative session—and my second term as Senate Majority Leader. This opportunity would not be possible without your continued support and confidence in me. It is an honor to serve the people of New Haven and Hamden as your state Senator and I thank you for the privilege.

The challenges ahead of us are familiar but significant. We must pass a new two-year budget that meets the needs of our state. We must continue our efforts to improve our public schools and increase access to health care. We must stimulate economic growth and create quality jobs for Connecticut residents. We must encourage regional cooperation between cities and suburbs and meet the need for improved transportation while protecting our environment.

In this newsletter, I have included a summary of several projects in New Haven and Hamden that have recently received state funding.

As always, I welcome your thoughts and encourage you to share your concerns with me. You can reach me through the mail, by phone or by e-mail at the addresses and number provided above. Best wishes for a joyful holiday season and a healthy and happy New Year.

Sincerely,

Martin Looney

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